

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Manfred BRAUNER

Serial No.: 09/554,269

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Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: B. Egan

For: FLAT OR SEMI-FLAT ELEMENT INCLUDING A FRAME

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-15 and 17-21 to read as follows. A marked-up copy showing the changes is attached.

1. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element comprising a partly or completely circumambient frame, which element is manufactured through injection molding of a thermoplastic polymeric material, wherein the element comprises a carrying structure, constituted by a frame, and a wall section, which wall section is connected to the frame via a resilient section, the resilient section being a part of the wall section, wherein differences in the temperature related shrinkage between the frame and the wall section are absorbed by the resilient section whereby the resilient section prevents warping of the element.